

27. Jan. 1846
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Tribune Office,
27th Jan. 1846.

Mrs. Henry G. Chapman:

Dear Friend,

You will find enclosed the sum of Eighteen Dollars, ten of which ~~which~~ will cancel Mrs. Johnson's debt to the Fair, ^{while} and the remaining eight will pay for the shawl sent by her order to Mrs. Farnham. Mrs. F. was highly pleased with the article.

I cannot refrain from telling you how much pleasure I derived from the perusal of your report of the Fair in the last Liberator. It will do much to keep alive that spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice without which the cause of Freedom must perish in the house of its friends. As I read I felt my heart stirred with the resolve to ^{do} all I might for the Fair of next year. (By the way, in speaking of the Harp purchased for the Prison, you located Mary Anne at Auburn instead of Sing Sing. The places are some 300 miles apart. But no matter.)

Cassius M. Clay's reception here would have given you high satisfaction could you have witnessed it. The people received him from the North, and it was a pleasure I cannot describe to see them applauding, as they fell from his lips, sentiments for which all faithful abolitionists have suffered reproach and persecution. I would

tell you, if I had time, some funny stories about that meeting - how it was got up - the difficulty in obtaining signatures to the letter of invitation - what was said by those who did sign and those who didn't, &c. &c. It cost me some three days hard work and all the little ingenuity I possess to "put it through," but the result more than ^{have} answered my highest expectations. I wish Clay could attend your annual meeting, but I suppose it was impossible.

Will you oblige me by sending an acknowledgment of the receipt of the money enclosed? And, now that I think of it, do write me, or get some one else to write, for The Tribune, an account of your meeting this week. You know what sort of a letter is wanted. If you cannot do it, Edmund Quincy perhaps will. Do get a letter despatched ^{or by Saturday at the latest.} by the afternoon mail of Thursday or Friday, if you can. If you only realized how it would make the cause grow! Yours, truly,
A. Johnson.

P.S. I forgot to tell you that Miss Mary Anne on Sunday and that she desired to be most affectionately remembered to you. I believe she has already begun to work for the next Fair.